

## W. B. MOSES & SONS WHEN THAW STARTS

Harbormaster Points Out  
Need for Action.

### DANGER AT LONG BRIDGE

Multiplicity of Piers and Piles Driven  
in River Increases Likelihood of Gorge.

In spite of the moderation of the intense cold wave which for several weeks has swept over Washington, there seems to be practically no prospects of opening the channel for days to come.

The river, save for a narrow course cut by the Norfolk boats, is covered with ice over twelve inches thick, and although the weather is perceptibly warmer, Harbormaster Sutton still thinks it entirely too cold to begin the work of breaking up the ice. It is necessary to give the elements every consideration in this undertaking, for should the work of breaking the ice be followed by another cold wave, the cakes would immediately freeze together, and the District would have been put to several thousand dollars of needless expense.

It is therefore the intention of the Harbormaster to wait until the thaw sets in, and then complete the work with a rush.

#### Depends on the Weather.

When seen yesterday Harbormaster Sutton said the day he would start to open the Potomac channel would be governed entirely by the weather.

"Of course," said he, "I will have to wait for the appropriation, but even had I received it, I should not start the work for several days at least. I am ready at all times, but it would be foolish to attempt to break up the ice at present. It is absolutely stationary, and in such a condition is not at all dangerous."

"Should I break it up, there would be but little chance in the conditions. The cakes could not move, and unless we kept working night and day until the thaw sets in, they would very quickly freeze together again. I am in no hurry to start, but when I do I shall make the ice fly. I have more boats than I need, and expect no difficulty in clearing the channel, unless it be at the Long bridge."

#### Danger at Long Bridge.

"There are so many spans there, and I am given to understand that the piles which have been driven there may pile up the ice and form a dangerous gorge. Of course, we can't tell yet, but I, for one, would not be at all surprised to see Pennsylvania avenue covered with several feet of water. The ice is very thick, and is apt to prove troublesome should it pile up at Long bridge."

Mr. Sutton said he believed half the residents of Washington to be absolutely ignorant of the danger of a frozen river. The men who break up the ice, he said, take their lives in their hands. At any time the tugs are apt to be wedged in between two gorges and crushed as if made of paper. Rarely is there a tug engaged in ice breaking that is not in some way damaged, and often totally destroyed by the work. These, however, are chances which they must take.

#### Owners Are Responsible.

Mr. Sutton sees the captain or owner of the tug and asks him his price per day. This ranges from \$40 to \$100. The District under no circumstances to be held responsible in case of accident.

Mr. Sutton said he wished to deny the statement that the channel was open. "There is a little ice in the channel, but the two Norfolk boats, and there isn't a side wheel boat or a sailboat that could use it. There are a great many people in Virginia who are practically shut off from everybody. The only way in which they can get food and other necessities is overland, and it is for this reason I hope soon to be at work breaking up and getting rid of the ice."

#### Have Dynamite Ready.

In all this work the Harbormaster will be assisted by Engineer of Bridges Douglas, who will be on one of the tugs, and in case it is seen that dynamite may be used to advantage, will put in the charges. On each of the tugs, too, there will be a Government inspector, and an expert pilot. This is done in order to guard as much as possible against accidents.

#### HAD HEARD OF SHAKESPEARE.

A young man of Hyde Park, who had suddenly come into the possession of a neat fortune, decided to enter society, and as he had read no books of a higher type than "Tales of a Bandit" and seen no plays except the most sensational and overdrawn melodramas, he decided not to reveal his ignorance of high-class literature.

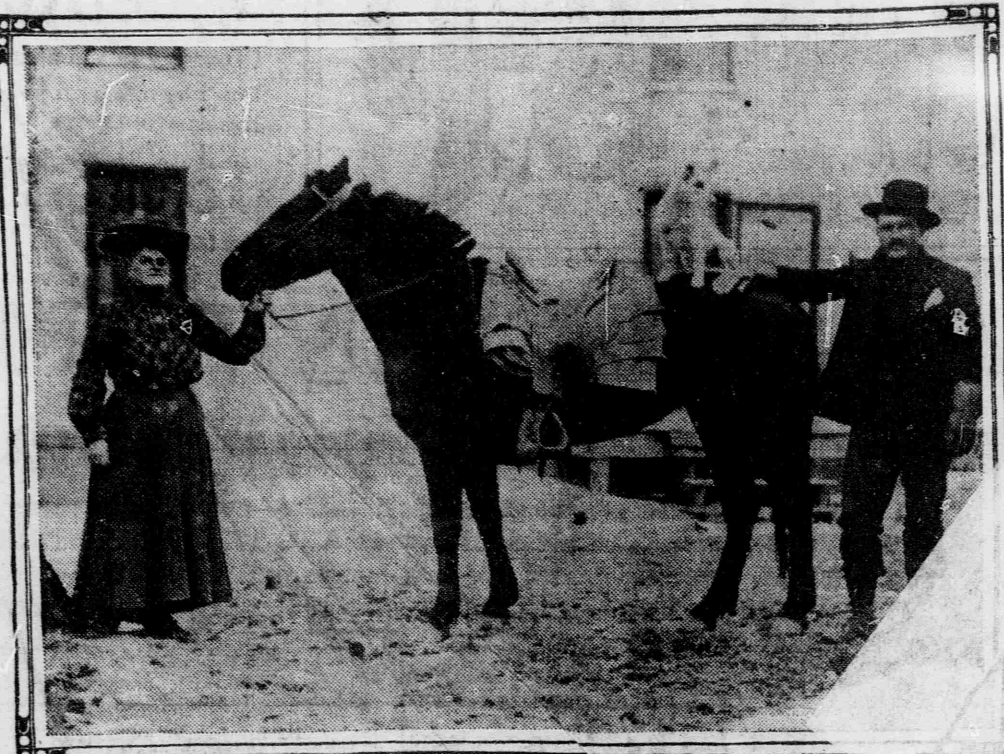
He had heard somewhere of a man called Shakespeare, but whether he was a medieval prime minister or the inventor of the steam engine he had not the slightest idea.

Soon after he became wealthy he called on a young woman of culture, determined to make a good impression. He studiously avoided any discussion of price rights and bowing contexts, and as she was leading him off into literary fields.

#### BLACKSTONE'S VALENTINES.

For several years the custom of sending flowers for valentines has grown in popular favor. It is now the vogue to send violets and other appropriate flowers in dainty packages to friends and acquaintances, as expressing the sentiment of the season better than any other gift. A unique manner of arrangement is quite as important as the gift itself, and Blackstone, the florist, at Fourteenth and H streets, has become famous for his original and dainty valentine floral packages. His customers come back year after year for these floral remembrances to send on Valentine Day.

## BUILDS DIFFICULT RAILROADS



MRS. THEODORA BEACHAM, Contractor  
Woman, Who Is Successful at Man's Work, Completes Part of the Old Dominion Line.

## Railroad Contractor Who Is Only a Woman

Mrs. Theodora Beacham Draws \$15,000 for  
Work Done on the Great Falls and  
Old Dominion Grades.

Warrants are being drawn by the contractors for the Old Dominion Railroad, amounting to \$15,000, for the work done by the only woman railroad contractor in the United States, for the work done on the Great Falls and Old Dominion grades, extending from Rosslyn to Great Falls.

Of course, nothing unusual in the fact that a woman is doing such work in railroad work, but it is a fact that no woman has ever before collected any such a sum for such a reason.

#### Native of Massachusetts.

This woman is of rock-ribbed Massachusetts stock, grown in the West. Her name is Mrs. Theodora Beacham, and her home is at Kalamazoo, Mich., where she has a large and highly cultivated farm and other property. At present Mrs. Beacham and her two sons are living in a small cottage, usually called a shack, near Lewinsville, Va., working when the weather permits, and making herself comfortable when it does not.

She has camped about the house between forty and fifty men and twenty-eight mules, besides the excavating and grading machinery. She is doing some of the hardest work on what has proved to be one of the costliest electric railroad beds ever constructed. This work, which is getting her undivided attention, is called red rock cut and filling.

The cut goes through a kind of hard, red sandstone, and at the end of this is a "fill" that crosses a pretty valley more than a mile in width and at a height of from forty to sixty feet.

Mrs. Beacham was found yesterday inspecting her mules. She is short, and rather stout, and certainly muscular.

#### Took Husband's Place.

"I took up the work where my husband left it, because of illness," she said. "I found it hard at first, but since then I have grown to like it. I have

been a contractor for eight years and more. In that time I have been doing some of the most difficult work on the Tennessee Central railroad. I have worked through the mountains, and have accomplished things, even if I do say it myself, that scared many of the men."

Mrs. Beacham has equipment, counting mules and machinery, valued at nearly \$100,000. She will remain in Virginia, making frequent trips to Washington, until the work is ended, next spring, when it is expected that the Old Dominion will be operating the Virginia end of its lines.

### GOVERNMENT PURCHASES HORSES FOR BREEDING

The Government has gone into the business of breeding horses. Agents of the Department of Agriculture have bought a fine stallion and twelve mares in Chicago, of the heavy coach type. They are to be bred at the experiment station at Fort Collins, Col. The horses were bought by Assistant Secretary Hays, and are now on their way to Colorado.

The Government has been carrying on experiments for the purpose of improving the breed of farm animals for some time, but this is the first attempt to do anything with horses.

### MILLENNIUM COMING; NO USE FOR SCHOOL

LIMA, Ohio, Feb. 11.—William Whitridge has been sent to jail by Judge Miller for the purpose of improving the breed of farm animals for some time, but this is the first attempt to do anything with horses.

### SAW MAN'S FACE BENEATH THE ICE

PEKIN, Ill., Feb. 11.—William Follette, an old miner, started home late at night intoxicated and fell in a creek. It turned very cold during the night and the water froze over his body. Boys going to school skated over the spot and saw his face pressed against the sheet of ice on the under side.

## SUES TEN YEARS; GETS NO DIVORCE

Three Suits Brought by  
Mrs. Measer.

### CHANGES IN COURSE OF TIME

Judges All Different From Those Who  
Heard Original Application.  
Many Lawyers.

The divorce proceedings instituted by Mrs. Amelia T. Measer, begun nearly ten years ago in the Supreme Court of the District against her husband, Emanuel E. J. Measer, and recently terminated in his favor, are more than ordinarily interesting.

They are remarkable in the fact that there is not a single member of the court, as organized at that time, now on the District Supreme Court bench. Two of the members of the bench who took an active part in the proceedings, Justices Andrew C. Bradley and Walter S. Cox, have since died, and Justice Cole and Justice Hagner, who also took part in the case, have retired from the bench.

Her Third Suit.  
Three times did Mrs. Measer press her suit against her husband, and during the pendency of the proceedings she was represented by four different attorneys. Her husband was represented by Attorney Charles W. Fitts from the beginning to the close of the litigation.

At one stage of the proceedings Mrs. Measer succeeded in having her husband committed to jail for contempt of court. After remaining in prison for five weeks he was released by order of Justice Cole.

Mrs. Measer first began suit against her husband November 6, 1890, on the ground of cruelty and drunkenness. This complaint was dismissed by Justice Hagner.

Two weeks later she renewed her suit on statutory grounds. Failing to establish the allegation, she began another suit for divorce on the ground of desertion on January 6, 1902.

Her husband in making answer questioned the jurisdiction of the court, contending that under the code which had recently gone into effect limiting the ground for absolute divorce to infidelity she could not maintain her suit.

Congress amended the divorce law so as not to affect pending litigation in the divorce courts. Upon a hearing of the case on its merits the decision of the court was in favor of the defendant.

### BILL WHICH PROVIDES MEDALS FOR BRAVERY

Bronze medals of honor for persons who risk their lives in attempting to rescue people in any wreck or disaster, are provided by the terms of a bill which has been ordered favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce.

The bill was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Lodge two weeks ago.

#### AN EASY MISSION.

"You think you want to marry my daughter?"  
"I am willing to go a little further than that, sir. I know I want to marry your daughter."  
"Then you think you can support her?"  
"I know I can support her."  
"You seem like a very positive young man."  
"I trust, sir, that I am sufficiently positive to overcome your negative."  
"Take her, my boy, she's yours."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### EDWARD WINSLOW DIES WHILE ON TRIP TO CAIRO

Minister Riddle, at Cairo, reports the death there of Edward Winslow, a prominent banker of New York.

The body will be shipped home accompanied by the widow. Mr. Winslow went to Egypt early in December on a business trip in connection with the firm of Winslow & Lanier.

#### SOME SLOW HORSES.

Lew Fields and Oscar Hammerstein were standing in front of the Fields Theater, New York, the day after the blizzard. Mr. Hammerstein was watching the efforts of the horses to make headway on the icy pavements.  
"Poor brutes," he remarked, "see how they slip and fall. They don't seem to be able to make any headway."  
"Well," answered Fields, "they are getting along as fast as a number of horses I fancied at Sheephead Bay last summer."

### TWO MEN KILLED THROUGH OPEN SWITCH

At 11:17, Feb. 11.—Falley Bedle, engineer on a Washburn freight, and Joseph Chamberlain, brakeman on a Pullman passenger train, were killed when the freight train ran into a passenger train on a side track at the Washington station.

#### ONE ON CHAMBERLAIN.

Joseph Chamberlain, brakeman on a Pullman passenger train, was killed when the freight train ran into a passenger train on a side track at the Washington station. He was the only one of the two men who was not killed.

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# Remodeling Sale at Moses'

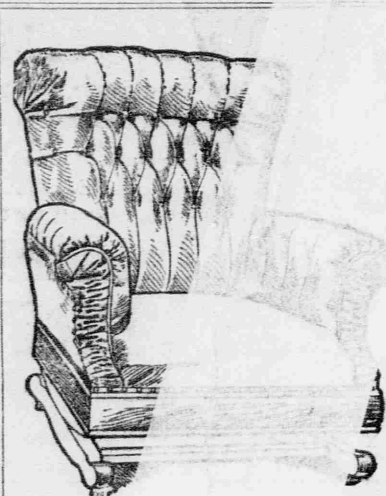
It is imperative that we close out  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the present stock in order that contemplated improvements may be carried on without damage to the stock or interference with the workmen

Substantial reductions will be made on every thing in the house, including furniture of every sort (except special pieces that we're bound by contract not to reduce), on every carpet, every rug, including Oriental rugs, every lace curtain, every portiere, all draperies, all wall papers. It's a sale of unique magnitude.

## Reductions Range All the Way From 10% to 50%



This \$19  
Bureau for... \$9.50



One \$22.50  
Leather Chair for... \$22.50

One of the most remarkable values ever offered in furniture. The bureau is in golden oak, with large shaped French bevel plate mirror, and swell front top drawers. Splendidly finished. Only 2 of them.

A splendid hall chair, the chair that matches the rocker shown in the illustration. Covered in genuine leather. The frame is solid oak.

### Bedroom Furniture

BUREAUS				BRASS BEDS			
	Were.	Sale			Were.	Sale	
Maple Bureau.....	\$40.00	\$32.50		Maple Bed.....	\$70.00	\$54.00	
Maple Bureau.....	\$40.00	\$32.00		Maple Bed.....	\$70.00	\$50.00	
Maple Bureau.....	\$25.00	\$22.50		Maple Bed.....	\$50.00	\$42.50	
Golden Oak Bureau.....	\$35.00	\$27.50		Golden Oak Bed.....	\$30.00	\$23.00	
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### Oriental Rugs

1 Guendji—4 ft. 8 in. by 8 ft. Dark blue ground, all-over design with light border. Excellent hall piece. Regular price, \$36.00. Special.....	\$22.50
1 Khario—6 ft. by 8 ft. 9 in. Red ground, tan and blue figures. Good rug for living room, hall or library. Regular price, \$67.50. Special.....	\$37.50
1 Kurdistan—10 ft. by 13 ft. 6 in. All-over design, olive green ground, with figures and border of black and terra cotta well mixed. Regular price, \$94.00. Special.....	\$55.00
1 Kirman—7 ft. 8 in. by 10 ft. 7 in. Very bright ground with figures and border of terra cotta and blue. Will make a splendid heavy rug for parlor. Regular price, \$105.00. Special.....	\$62.50
1 Bahmdur—8 ft. 2 in. by 10 ft. 7 in. Blue ground prayer design—figures of terra cotta and gold. Good rug for bedroom. Regular price, \$80.00. Special.....	\$64.00
1 Turkish—10 ft. 4 in. by 13 ft. Red ground, all-over design with border of navy blue and cream. Excellent rug for dining room or library. Regular price, \$125.00. Special.....	\$72.50
1 Amritsar—9 ft. by 12 ft. 7 in. Red ground, medallion of light blue and border of old rose and tan. Good parlor rug. Regular price, \$147.50. Special.....	\$92.50

RUGS	
Moquette Mats; size 18x36 inches; regular price \$1.25. Special.....	75
Best Smyrna Mats; size 18x36 inches; regular price \$1.25. Special.....	59c
Wilton Velvet Rugs; size 27x34 inches; regular price \$1.25. Special.....	\$1.05
6 Wool Tapestry Reversible Rugs, in Navajo effects; size 27x34 inches; regular price \$2.50. Special.....	\$2.50
12 Black Sheep Rugs, lined; size 26x34 inches; regular price \$3.50. Special.....	\$1.95
10 Fancy Skin Rugs, in gray, black, and white; regular price \$4.50. Special.....	\$2.95
Brussels Rugs; size 9 ft. by 12 ft.; regular price \$18.00. Special.....	\$11.00
Body Brussels Rugs; size 8 ft. by 11 ft.; regular price \$17.50. Special.....	\$10.95
Axminster Rugs; size 8 ft. by 11 ft.; regular price \$31.50. Special.....	\$17.60
Velvet Rug; size 10 ft. 6 in. by 11 ft. 5 in.; regular price \$26.40. Special.....	\$14.75
Lot of Bedside Rugs, in Brussels, Axminster, and Velvet; from half-yard to 1 1/2 yards in length by 25, 40, and 27 inches wide; regular prices 75c, \$1, and \$1.50. Special.....	49c
Real Cork Linoleums; several desirable patterns to select from; regular price 60c. Special.....	31c
Real Inlaid Linoleums; regular price \$1.25. Special.....	87c
1 Lot Remnants of 60 grades that sold for Special at—	12c
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